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The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership, BAHEP, is a member-driven organization that provides the leadership to stimulate regional economic development and employment. Utilizing a collaborative committee structure, we engage more than 265 investor companies, business professionals, local governments, and educational institutions in southeast Texas to bring about prosperity and a high quality of life for the 800,000 people who live and work in the region. Our members include business partners encompassing 13 cities and Galveston and Harris counties.

BAHEP’s municipal members are Clear Lake Shores, Dickinson, El Lago, Friendswood, Houston, Kemah, La Porte, League City, Nassau Bay, Pasadena, Seabrook, Taylor Lake Village, and Webster as well as Galveston County, Harris County, the Houston Airport System, and the Port of Houston Authority.
It hardly seems possible that my year as your chairman is almost over. Certainly our involvement in BAHEP’s many initiatives has made the time pass very quickly.

We only have to look at the home page of BAHEP’s website to get a feel for much of the work that we’ve done this year. The roll-out of the new website plus our use of social media this year has really extended our reach regionally as well as nationally.

Our efforts on storm surge suppression have resulted in great strides. We’ve also been heavily involved in work to mitigate the damage caused by the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act and have seen very positive movement in Congress toward that end.

BAHEP continues to partner with the Houston Airport System in its work to have Ellington Airport designated as a spaceport. We’ve also worked in helping to bring more businesses to Ellington, which is expanding its commercial interests.

BayTech organized a very successful event earlier this year hosting the Pumps & Pipes consortium at NASA’s Neutral Buoyancy Laboratory. It’s also working with Space Center Houston on the refurbishment of the shuttle replica, Independence, and gearing up for another Pumps & Pipes conference.

As you know, BAHEP is involved in so much more in the region as it continues to demonstrate the leadership for which it has become known over the past 37 years. Our BAHEP members are an integral part of that leadership as we strive to do all we can to make the region and this organization the best that they can be.

Thank you so much for your support and guidance this year and for your commitment to the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership.

Stephen K. Jones, Jr.
CEO, Clear Lake Regional Medical Center
San Jacinto College has been associated with the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership (BAHEP) for many years. I have been impressed with the commitment and dedication of BAHEP members and staff to improve the quality of life in the Bay Area region, build economic prosperity, and retain and create jobs. BAHEP has helped reposition and retrain residents for jobs in growing industries and has supported local, state, and federal efforts to educate and develop a qualified workforce.

Education and workforce development issues have always been a major focus for BAHEP. During 2012, BAHEP developed regional legislative priorities to recommend to our state legislature. House Bill 5 was passed by the legislature and will have a far-reaching impact on our children as it addresses the workforce needs of the many industries in our region.

BAHEP leads efforts on economic development issues that will impact the region by addressing issues and mitigating anticipated effects. For example, this year we became aware of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Act and its devastating consequences on homeowners and businesses along our rivers and coasts. BAHEP organized and hosted a meeting of elected officials who are making progress in Washington, D.C., to alleviate the harmful effects of the act.

BAHEP remains committed to its aerospace, aviation, and maritime advocacy work and strongly supports a coastal storm surge suppression system. These initiatives will again be a part of our legislative agenda in 2014.

As the incoming chair of BAHEP, I am honored to lead such a dynamic organization. I am excited about engaging with its members, its leadership, and its partners to further expand our efforts on behalf of the people, schools, and businesses that call the Bay Area home.

Brenda Hellyer, Ed.D.
Chancellor, San Jacinto College
Have you ever noticed how each year has its own personality? There are things that happen and issues that affect us that define each year. This year has been no exception. Our annual report focuses on two areas that defined 2013: first, our advocacy efforts at the national, state, and regional levels on the key issues that face us all and, second, the steps we’ve taken to expand regional economic development opportunities and improve our overall quality of life.

Our day-to-day work included job creation, retention and expansion, and wealth creation. However, 2013 has been defined by advocacy and opportunities. The work we’ve done goes above and beyond that done by the typical economic development organization.

Not just communication, but effective communication, has played a major role in all of our initiatives and has allowed us to broaden our reach within and far beyond Bay Area Houston.

In order to maintain our leadership role in economic development, BAHEP capitalizes on its ability to anticipate, initiate, energize and focus energy and resources. That cannot happen without the support and dedication of our Board of Directors and our members. We so very much appreciate all that you have done this year and will do in the future.

I believe you will agree that our work in this “Year of Communication” has really made a difference. We are looking forward to 2014 and the challenges that we will address as the new year forms its own personality, keeping in mind that the entire BAHEP organization must continue to evolve to engage both familiar and new audiences.

Bob Mitchell
President
Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership
In January 2013, the Texas legislature convened for its 83rd regular session. In early March, community leaders from the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership and the Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce traveled to Austin, Texas, to talk with legislators about legislative priorities important to businesses and residents of Bay Area Houston. Sixty-five travelers visited 103 offices during the day-long trip.

Members of both organizations had met for months to formulate the top five legislative priorities that they determined would be necessary for the continued growth of the region. These were education priorities, recreational maritime boating industry job preservation, state franchise tax reform, telecommunications, and tort reform. The travelers presented the legislators with several action items to address the growing needs of each legislative priority.

BAHEP advised the legislators that innovation, consumer choice, and the proliferation of advanced technologies to meet education, health care, community and economic needs are best achieved through private investment, robust competition, and sustained job creation and not unnecessary government regulation. BAHEP advocated that Texas, through smart incentives and tax policy, should continue to provide an environment that encourages investment in critical technological infrastructure.
Citizens for Space Exploration / Texas

Twenty-two years is a very long time to walk the halls of Capitol Hill carrying a message to both Republicans and Democrats, freshman members of Congress or those who have seen administrations come and go over a number of years, but some messages are just worth repeating. From May 20-23, 2013, the Citizens for Space Exploration group gathered in Washington, D.C., for the 22nd consecutive year to tell Congress why an affordable, capabilities-driven program of human space exploration is essential to America’s future. Approximately 100 Citizens travelers from across the nation called on 350 congressional offices over the course of two days. These travelers were American taxpayers, community leaders, and university students committed to continued national investment in space exploration.

Funding for NASA amounts to less than one half of one percent of the federal budget. This investment supports national security and America’s preeminence in space. It promotes science, technology, engineering, and math education. The funding stimulates new, high-tech industries which create hundreds of thousands of high-skilled, well-paying jobs.

While in Washington, the CSE travelers asked congressional members to extend the mission of the International Space Station (ISS) beyond 2020 in order to further the opportunities for breakthrough research. They requested the completion of the Orion Multi-Purpose Crew Vehicle (MPCV), the next generation spacecraft that will send humans into deep space missions beyond Low-Earth Orbit. The group also advocated for the completion of the Space Launch System (SLS), a heavy-lift rocket capable of propelling America’s space explorers deep into the solar system. Finally, the travelers asked for continued support of commercial space sys-
tems which will help reduce U.S. dependence on Russia and provide new systems for crew and cargo to support the ISS.

The May trip was CSE’s second to Washington in 2013. In early February, a total of 22 CSE travelers met with over 80 congressional offices to tout the benefits of a strong U.S. led Human Space Exploration Program. The focus of the trip was to meet with freshman members of Congress from the core CSE states of Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. The group also met with freshmen and/or new members serving on NASA oversight committees, especially the House Science, Space and Technology Committee and the Senate Commerce Committee responsible for reauthorizing NASA in 2013.

**Space Day Austin, March 19, 2013**

**Human Exploration: the Journey Continues** was the theme of Space Week Texas held March 18-22, 2013. The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership joined forces with 14 teams on March 19, Space Day Austin, as they visited 185 legislative offices and elected officials. The purpose of the visits was to share the economic, technological, and educational impact of NASA Johnson Space Center in Texas, to highlight potential opportunities for collaboration between Texas institutions and JSC, and to thank legislators for their continued support for the Texas Aerospace Scholars (TAS) and Space Alliance Technology Outreach Program (SATOP) in the FY 2014/2015 budget. JSC employs over 3,100 civil servants and more than 11,000 contractor employees who work to support JSC’s programs and operations.

*During Space Day Austin, Gov. Rick Perry, third from right, visited with (from left) Bob Mitchell, president, the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership; Darius Sanders, high school senior from Pflugerville, Texas; Dr. Peggy A. Whitson, former chief of NASA Astronaut Corps; Dr. Ellen Ochoa, director, NASA Johnson Space Center; and Mike Kincaid, director, External Relations, NASA JSC. (Photo courtesy of NASA JSC)*

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Chemical Day Austin

On March 27, 2013, the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership joined the Texas Chemical Council and several Bay Area chemical manufacturers in Austin to support a number of legislative bills that would boost Texas’ competitiveness in the global market. The group advised legislators that they must commit to strategic economic development in order to maintain long-term prosperity.

Additionally, the group’s educational push is one of its most important and affects all aspects of the future. Along the Houston Ship Channel and the Bayport area, it has been challenging for companies to find both skilled and unskilled labor to hire for new and expansion projects.

Students who take advantage of Career and Technical Education (CTE) have the opportunity to graduate high school with skills training and certifications that are in high demand and pay well. The chemical industry advised legislators that it supports greater access to CTE programs as part of high school curriculum.

In another pressing matter, the ongoing drought has led the state, municipalities, and companies to reevaluate water use and hydrology infrastructure. The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership joined the industry in advocating for dedicating $2 billion from the Rainy Day Fund to finance the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and develop local projects that support water infrastructure and conservation.

Before the session ended, the 83rd Legislature approved three bills as part of a broad package to provide funding for projects within the State Water Plan. These bills taken together comprise an amendment to the Texas Constitution creating the State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (or SWIFT), appropriating $2 billion from the economic stabilization fund to the SWIFT, and directing the TWDB on how the newly created fund may be used.

The legislature also passed House Bill 5, which reduces the number of state end-of-course assessments required for high school students to graduate and allows high school students greater flexibility in choosing their courses while maintaining academic rigor. HB5 is designed to instill more flexibility in public education by enabling students to either pursue a traditional path into colleges and universities or move directly into the workforce to help fill what business leaders say is a critical skills shortage.
Ending the Government Shutdown

From October 1-16, 2013, the federal government entered a shutdown and curtailed most routine operations after Congress failed to enact legislation appropriating funds for fiscal year 2014 or a continuing resolution for the interim authorization of appropriations for fiscal year 2014. During the shutdown, hundreds of thousands of federal employees did not receive their full paychecks, including many employees who were legally required to work during the lapse.

NASA Johnson Space Center (JSC) was a microcosm of what played out across the country.

Before the shutdown, JSC had approximately 3,100 federal employees and 11,000 private sector employees supporting its human spaceflight and exploration mission. As a result of the shutdown, JSC closed, except for 100 federal and a very limited number of contractor employees who support the International Space Station’s operations, which were deemed critical.

Once the shutdown began, the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership quickly called a meeting of aerospace executives to determine a common message to disseminate to the media that were contacting BAHEP for information. From that meeting, BAHEP developed a white paper, which was seen across the nation. Both Aviation Week and USA Today referenced the paper. Maryland Space Business Roundtable requested permission to use it. BAHEP’s website traffic increased measurably once the paper was posted with more than 5,400 people reading it on BAHEP’s Facebook page, as well.

In part the paper stated, “About 20% of the 11,000 private sector company employees are furloughed now. About 60% will be furloughed by mid October. Over 90% will be furloughed by November 1. If the shutdown continues, an additional 10,000 people will not have a paycheck. Dozens of companies will have been severely weakened, and an entire support community of small service businesses will be damaged as their customer base erodes. The short-term harm to workers and their families is incalculable. The longer-term harm to the companies is just beginning to be understood.”

As stated by BAHEP President Bob Mitchell, “In order to maintain our leadership role in economic development, BAHEP capitalizes on its ability to anticipate, initiate, energize and focus energy and resources.” BAHEP’s work on helping to end the government shutdown is an excellent example of putting those words into action.
**Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Act**

In July 2012, the U.S. Congress passed the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 (BW-12) which calls on the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and other agencies, to make a number of changes to the way the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is run. Key provisions of the legislation will require the NFIP to raise rates to reflect true flood risk, make the program more financially stable, and change how Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) updates impact policyholders.

On Aug. 6, 2013, the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership hosted over 50 representatives from regional cities within Brazoria, Harris and Galveston counties for an urgent discussion about BW-12 and actions that need to be taken to protect the citizens and cities of Bay Area Houston from potential disastrous repercussions of the act. Congressman Randy Weber, State Sen. Larry Taylor, and representatives from the offices of Sen. John Cornyn, Sen. Ted Cruz, and Congressman Steve Stockman joined elected officials from the region that included Harris County Precinct 2 Commissioner Jack Morman, City of Houston Council Member Dave Martin, as well as eight mayors and mayors pro tem from across the region.

Many echoed Nassau Bay City Manager Chris Reed when he stated, “Nassau Bay is very appreciative of BAHEP’s efforts in setting up the Biggert-Waters meeting. We are a small city fighting a big battle, and there was no way that we could have arranged a meeting by ourselves with the people who were in that room.”

BAHEP is continuing its outreach efforts through collaboration with national coalitions and ongoing discussions with elected officials at the local, state and national levels.
Storm Surge Suppression

The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership has long supported the concept of a storm surge suppression system. The system currently under serious study is termed the Ike Dike, a name derived from Hurricane Ike that devastated our region in September 2008. The Ike Dike system was developed by Texas A&M University–Galveston’s Dr. Bill Merrell. This concept is directly modeled from other technologies successfully installed around the world.

In early September 2013, BAHEP President Bob Mitchell joined a group of elected officials, including Texas Sen. Larry Taylor and Rep. Bill Callegari, Galveston County Judge Mark Henry, and Houston City Council Member Dave Martin, in a tour of the newly completed $15.5 billion New Orleans barrier system. Mitchell stated, “Storm surge suppression is something that Dr. Merrill and his team and BAHEP have been working on for well over three years. I think it’s important that we now have our elected officials showing greater interest in a project that is feasible, affordable, protects our assets, and helps us grow to the future.”

BAHEP has appointed Merrell as chair of its International Maritime Advisory Committee where its fundraising sub-committee has raised $700,000 for storm surge suppression studies. During 2013, BAHEP also assisted in creating a new 501(c)(3), the Bay Area Coastal Protection Alliance, wrote pro surge suppression op-eds, gave nine radio/TV interviews, made 17 Ike Dike presentations and speeches, leading to 13 Ike Dike resolutions of support with more coming!

*Texas Sen. Larry Taylor, BAHEP President Bob Mitchell, and Houston City Council Member Dave Martin (from left in front) are shown during a tour of the New Orleans barrier system.*
BAHEP Cares!
Executive Mentoring 4 Veterans

The BAHEP Cares! Executive Mentoring 4 Veterans program serves unemployed and transitioning veterans, guard, reservists and spouses helping them gain a rewarding career path and job by providing voluntary executive mentorship and career advancement services. Once the veteran enters this program, this life-changing executive coaching process opens up a whole new world of employment opportunities. BAHEP Cares! facilitates a personal and professional relationship by matching the veteran with a handpicked, experienced executive mentor who provides ongoing career guidance during program participation and after employment is obtained.

BAHEP Cares! formed two years ago as a working committee of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership to investigate ways to lessen the transition issues confronting returning Texas veterans. BAHEP Cares! has continued to grow in support of the region’s five military services located at and surrounding Southeast Texas’ sole major joint forces military installation at Ellington Field Joint Reserve Base.
Specialty Chemicals

The Bay Area Houston region has been at the forefront of the oil and gas industry from the early 20th century and has since developed into the Energy Capital of the World. No other metropolitan area in the nation maintains the nexus of chemical manufacturing resources, technology, and expertise to stimulate economic development opportunities for stable growth.

The specialty chemical sector of Bay Area Houston remains one of the main pillars of the region’s economy. The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership (BAHEP) has been working with the Texas Chemical Council (TCC) and East Harris County Manufacturers Association (EHCMA) to help them meet their expansion and workforce needs.

During 2013, BAHEP and EHCMA co-hosted a Chemical Industry Breakfast attended by Congressmen Randy Weber and Steve Stockman where industry representatives were able to have an open discussion with the congressmen. BAHEP also held a general membership meeting featuring Hector Rivero, TCC president, who spoke on the ways in which the chemical industry drives the economic recovery. Additionally, BAHEP’s Education & Workforce Development Committee invited a panel of three specialty chemical representatives to discuss their workforce needs with educational leaders from throughout the region.

Whether at the individual, committee or organizational level, BAHEP supports the requirements of the specialty chemical sector, which is so vital to the region’s and the nation’s economy.
BayTech

The Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership founded the Bay Area Houston Advanced Technology Consortium (BayTech), a 501(c)(3) technology consortium, to bring together academia, industry, NASA Johnson Space Center, and the State of Texas. BayTech pursues research and technology development funding opportunities and partnerships to support technology development in the Bay Area Houston region thereby creating new opportunities for this region’s unique human space-flight engineering expertise. This creates jobs and provides new revenue streams maximizing future opportunities for Texas and the greater Houston region.

BayTech’s goals are to create and retain jobs and business in Bay Area Houston by:

- Acquiring public and private research and technology development funding
- Securing customers and providing simplified access to NASA JSC capabilities
- Pursuing partnerships to support technology development

In June 2013, the Texas Economic Development Council presented BayTech its 2013 Workforce Excellence Award in the regional category. BayTech was nominated for the award by the Gulf Coast Workforce Board and played an instrumental role in the re-employment of NASA and aerospace contractor workers affected by the retirement of the Space Shuttle program.

Kim Morris, director of BayTech, holds TEDC’s 2013 Workforce Excellence Award. Shown with him are (l to r): BayTech Board Member John Cook, manager, Economic Development, CenterPoint Energy; Dan Seal, executive director, Special Initiatives, Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership; and BAHEP President Bob Mitchell. (Photo courtesy of TEDC)
Last year, the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership (BAHEP) invited Dr. Alan Lumsden, medical director of the Methodist DeBakey Heart & Vascular Center at the Methodist Hospital, to address regional leaders about Pumps & Pipes. Pumps & Pipes began as a unique collaborative between Houston’s medical and oil & gas industries formed to solve technical problems commonly found between these industries, to develop common solutions that can be applied to product development, and to explore crossover ideas and technologies with the potential to revolutionize key sectors of the local economy.

Through the efforts of BAHEP and the Bay Area Houston Advanced Technology Consortium (BayTech), the aerospace industry joined the Pumps & Pipes collaborative in 2012 and partnered in the sixth yearly conference, Pumps & Pipes 6: *Opportunity Now*. This industry brings research and expertise in such areas as bone loss, muscle atrophy, next generation robotics, vibration isolation systems, and micro-video displays and miniaturized cameras, as well as expertise in operating in extreme environments.

Pumps & Pipes held its highly successful mid-2013 conference at NASA Johnson Space Center’s Neutral Buoyancy Lab, and NASA JSC collaborated with its Pumps & Pipes colleagues to stage Pumps & Pipes 7: *Explorations*, held Dec. 9, 2013, at the Houston Methodist Research Institute where it played a highly prominent role. Dr. Lumsden stated, “The aerospace participation has raised the bar for Pumps & Pipes to a whole new level ...”

**Bob Mitchell**  
BAHEP President  
Appointed to  
Pumps & Pipes  
Board of Advisors

**Dr. Alan Lumsden**  
Director, Pumps & Pipes  
Director, Methodist DeBakey  
Heart & Vascular Center

**Dr. Ellen Ochoa**  
Director, NASA JSC  
Appointed as  
Director for  
Pumps & Pipes
Effective Communication

Every good business model stresses the importance of communication with employees, customers, clients, members, and more. External audiences are as varied as flakes of snow. More than a year ago, the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership began to evaluate how it communicates as an organization. Over the past year, almost every aspect of BAHEP’s communication efforts was upgraded.

Redesigned Website

Most noticeably, BAHEP’s website was redesigned and rewritten. Just a quick glance at the home page tells much about BAHEP’s major initiatives including storm surge suppression, BayTech, Citizens for Space Exploration, Ellington Airport, Pumps & Pipes, Healthcare & Life Sciences, the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Act, and BAHEP Cares!

Inside pages include a detailed Regional Profile that outlines industry clusters, demographics, quality of life, and city data profiles with tax information compiled all in one place. A Business Assistance section provides information on real estate, retention and expansion incentives and much more.

When the new site debuted, long-time BAHEP member Harv Hartman wrote, “The new website is outstanding! It really represents our organization well and in a contemporary, energetic, and user-friendly fashion!”

Social Media

BAHEP’s communication efforts expanded dramatically when a concerted effort was made to increase the organization’s presence and expand its outreach through social media. There was phenomenal growth
in BAHEP followers with a 559 percent, 51 percent and 42 percent growth on Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter respectively. Not just communication, but effective communication, has played a major role in all of BAHEP’s initiatives. Whether through the redesigned website, Facebook, Twitter, our published articles and editorials or our newsletters, communication has played a major role and has allowed us to broaden our reach within and far beyond Bay Area Houston.

As the chart shows, social media has definitely expanded BAHEP’s reach across the social media universe, but we’ve been pretty busy here at home, too. We’ve given 40 presentations in person throughout the region and numerous interviews for print and broadcast media. We’ve maintained our highly anticipated quarterly newsletters and monthly inserts in local papers, including the Houston Chronicle, the Bay Area Citizen, the Pasadena Citizen, the Friendswood Journal, the Pearland Journal, and our newest media member, the Galveston County Daily News. We’ve also sent out press releases and managed to fit a magazine article or two into the mix.

**In Conclusion**

This year more than any other in recent memory has been a Year of Communication for the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership. BAHEP would not have been nearly as effective without its communication tools that were used to educate, inform, and sometimes entertain those people whose lives are most affected by our advocacy work and efforts to expand opportunities within the region.

Much work remains to be accomplished in regard to storm surge suppression, the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act, supporting aerospace and aviation initiatives, and assisting regional industries in their growth. At the beginning of this annual report, BAHEP President Bob Mitchell wrote that every year has its own personality. Throughout this year, BAHEP has expanded its reach further than ever before, bringing new audiences and added responsibilities that have not only defined 2013 but also BAHEP’s leadership role in Bay Area Houston and beyond. We at BAHEP look forward to 2014 knowing that we are prepared to meet the challenges and opportunities that it will bring.
MEMBERS OF THE 2014 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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John Elbon is vice president and general manager, Space Exploration, a division of The Boeing Company’s Defense, Space & Security. He is responsible for the strategic direction of Boeing’s civil space programs and support of NASA programs such as the Space Launch System, International Space Station, and Commercial Crew Development Program. He assumed his present position on Aug. 29, 2011. Elbon previously served as vice president and program manager for Boeing’s Commercial Programs and as vice president of Systems Integration for the Army’s Future Combat Systems. He holds a bachelor of Aerospace Engineering degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Dick Gregg, Jr., is president of Gregg & Gregg, P.C., a law firm which represents and advises clients in the areas of municipal, governmental, corporate, employment, real estate, family law and business litigation law. The firm acts as legal advisor or city attorney for multiple local governments. The firm’s attorneys also represent numerous homeowner associations, condominium associations, and town home associations. Gregg received a bachelor’s degree in government from the University of Texas at Austin where he also earned his law degree. Gregg’s areas of practice include public law, contracts, real estate law, business organizations, condominiums and cooperatives.

Fred B. Griffin is owner and co-chairman of Griffin Partners, Inc. After receiving an MBA degree from the University of Texas, Griffin joined Exxon Company USA. It was there that he began his real estate career with Friendswood Development Company, a subsidiary of Exxon Corporation, one of Houston’s largest real estate developers. Griffin played a key role in the purchase, planning and development of substantial projects throughout the greater Houston area. In 1980, he formed Griffin / Juban Companies, the predecessor to Griffin Partners. The companies have built or acquired projects encompassing more than 7,800,000 square feet with an aggregate value of just under $1 billion.

Brenda Hellyer, Ed.D., is the fifth chancellor of San Jacinto College (SJC), the seventh largest community college in the state of Texas, and the first woman to hold that office. She began her career at SJC as an inaugural director of the SJC Foundation. In 2000, she was appointed executive vice president for Resource Development and in 2003 vice chancellor for Fiscal Affairs. She served as chief financial officer for five years before serving as executive vice chancellor. Prior to joining SJC, Hellyer worked in the corporate world in accounting. She holds a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Fort Hays State University, an MBA and an Ed.D. in Community College Leadership from the University of Texas at Austin.
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Bernard A. Milstein, M.D., is a nationally recognized ophthalmologist, specializing in laser vision correction, cataract surgery and diseases of the eye. Milstein has performed approximately 15,000 LASIK procedures and has been included yearly in “Best Doctors in America” since 1996. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and a past president of the Texas Ophthalmological Association. Milstein is also a community leader and has served as chairman of the BAHEP board, chairman of the Galveston Wharves board, chairman of the board of the Galveston County Health District, as well as on many other boards, committees and associations.

Dennis W. Petersen, P.E., is president of Lockwood, Andrews & Newnam, Inc., a full service engineering and architectural firm headquartered in Houston with offices across Texas, the south and west. Petersen joined LAN in 1980 as a project engineer, where he began to accrue extensive experience in program management, specialized engineering, and strategic planning. In 1997, he was named president and chief executive officer of the firm whose clients represent local, state, and federal government interests and private sector industries. Services include planning, program and construction management, water/wastewater, transit, transportation, energy, and environmental.

Victor Pierson is president of Moody National Bank, former mayor of Jamaica Beach, Texas, and a past chairman of the Texas Bankers Association. He serves on the board of directors of Moody National Bank, Moody Bank Holding Company, Moody Bancshares, Inc., Texas Independent Bancshares-Dallas, and Gal-Tex Hotel Corporation. Pierson is past chairman of the United Way of Galveston, immediate past chairman of the Galveston Chamber of Commerce, and a board member of the Galveston Central Appraisal District. He is also a member of the Texas A&M University at Galveston Board of Visitors and previously taught accounting at Galveston College for over 16 years.
MEMBERS OF THE 2014 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Jayant Ramakrishnan, Ph.D., is the chief operating officer (COO) of Bastion Technologies, Inc., in Houston, Texas. He leads Bastion in operations, business development, and implementation of strategic growth. He is an Associate Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA). Dr. Ramakrishnan has international business experience and is a recognized high performance achiever. He has over 25 papers in conferences, journals, and refereed texts and has served as a reviewer for technical journals and international conferences. Dr. Ramakrishnan earned a master’s degree and a doctorate in mechanical engineering from the University of Missouri.

William A. Staples, Ph.D., is president of the University of Houston—Clear Lake where he has served since 1995 as its fourth president. Staples was honored in 2003 with the NASA Public Service Medal, in 2008 with BAHEP’s Quasar Award for Economic Development Excellence, and in 2010 with Clear Creek Education Foundation’s George B. Carlsile Award. He served as chairman of BAHEP in 2003 and 2004 when the organization transitioned from CLAEDF to BAHEP. He earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Drake University, an MBA from the University of Iowa, and a doctorate in business administration from the University of Houston.

S. John Wilkins, III, has been a member of the BAHEP / CLAEDF team since 1991, representing Loral Corporation and Lockheed Martin. He is a former vice president of both companies. Wilkins retired from Lockheed Martin in 2010 and is presently the CEO of CLC Properties in the Bay Area. He is a cum laude graduate of Ohio University with a bachelor’s degree as well as an MBA. John’s wife, Shari, is an attorney and a graduate of the University of Houston Law Center. Their two children, Nicole Rose and Samuel John “S.J.” Wilkins, IV, attend Clear Falls High School. John has served on numerous boards in the community and attends Clear Creek Community Church.

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Richard E. Allen, Jr., president / CEO of the Manned Space Flight Education Foundation, Inc. and its 501 (C)(3), Space Center Houston, serves on many committees designed to promote economic growth and well-being in the region including: Ballunar Liftoff Festival, Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership, Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, Greater Houston Convention & Visitors Bureau, National Management Association/JSC Chapter, Bay Area Houston Convention and Visitors Bureau, Texas Travel Industry Association, and the University of Houston Clear Lake Development & Advisory Council. Allen holds a bachelor of Business Administration degree from West Georgia College.

Jennifer Bowers is a partner with the law firm of Bowers & Sadler, LLP. The firm specializes in a variety of legal services aimed at assisting closely-held businesses and their owners with their tax planning, business organization matters, estate planning, and probate matters. Bowers is board certified in tax law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization.
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Scott Q. Hartwig is president and CEO of United Space Alliance (USA), LLC. He was most recently responsible for USA’s real-time support to the NASA Mission Operations Directorate and Flight Crew Operations Directorate at the Johnson Space Center and served as program manager for the Integrated Mission Operations Contract. He also oversaw USA’s work on the Facilities Development & Operations Contract and the EVA Space Operations Contract. Hartwig earned a bachelor’s degree in aeronautical industrial technology from the College of Engineering at Arizona State University and has also completed Lean Six Sigma black belt training.

Stephen K. Jones, Jr., is CEO of the Clear Lake Regional Medical Center where he is responsible for CLRMC, Clear Lake Heart and Vascular Hospital, Mainland Medical Center, Bay Area Surgery Center, CLRMC Breast Diagnostic Center, CLRMC Wound Treatment Center, Calder Urgent Care, and two freestanding emergency clinics. Under Jones’ leadership, the hospital has recently completed a $92 million dollar hospital expansion and a $17 million dollar expansion of its Heart and Vascular Hospital. Jones received the University of Houston Distinguished Alumni Award in 2011. He and his wife, Yvette, have three boys.

Ellen Ochoa, Ph.D., is a veteran astronaut and the 11th director of NASA Johnson Space Center. She became the first Hispanic woman to go to space when she served on a nine-day mission aboard the space shuttle Discovery in 1993. She has flown in space four times, logging nearly 1,000 hours in orbit. Prior to her astronaut career, she was a research engineer and inventor, with three patents for optical systems. Ochoa has been recognized with NASA’s Distinguished Service Medal, Exceptional Service Medal, Outstanding Leadership Medal, and four Space Flight Medals. Dr. Ochoa earned a bachelor’s degree in physics from San Diego State University and a master’s degree and doctorate in electrical engineering from Stanford University.

Jim Sweeney is the owner of Minuteman Press–Bay Area and Big Daddy Marketing, LLC. Minuteman Press–Bay Area has been serving small businesses and non-profits for over 19 years providing printing and related graphic services. Big Daddy Marketing, LLC was started in 2010 in response to the growing need for an internet marketing company to cater to the small to medium business segment in the area. Sweeney is very active in the local community having served as a past chairman of the Board of the Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce as well as on the Board and Executive Committee of BAHEP. He graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a B.S. degree in management/marketing.
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Anadarko Industries, LLC
APartment Realty Advisors
Archer Group with Remax
ARES Aerospace and Technology Services
Armand Bayou Nature Center
Astrium North America, Inc.
AT&T
ATK Launch Systems - Houston
Barlow Jones, L.L.P.
Barrios Technology
Bastion Technologies, Inc.
Bay Area Citizen
Bay Area Houston Ballet & Theatre
Bay Area Houston Transportation Partnership (BAYTRAN)
Bay Area Regional Medical Center
Bay Area Turning Point, Inc.
Bay Oaks Country Club
Baybrook Mall/General Growth Properties, Inc.
Bayshore Medical Center
Belt Harris Pechacek, LLP
Big League Dreams
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City of Houston
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City of Kemah
City of Kemah/KCDC
City of La Porte
City of League City
City of Nassau Bay
City of Pasadena
City of Seabrook
City of Taylor Lake Village
City of Webster
CLC Properties
Clear Creek Independent School District
Clear Lake Area Chamber of Commerce
Clear Lake Flowers & Gifts
Clear Lake Regional Medical Center
Coldwell Banker United Realtors
College of the Mainland
Colliers International
Comerica Bank
Communities In Schools - Bay Area, Inc.
Courttyard by Marriott Houston NASA / Nassau Bay
Coventry Development Corporation - Houston
Crinion Davis & Richardson, LLP
Crowder Funeral Homes
Ruby Cubley
Curran Investment Group of Wells Fargo Advisors
CYFOR Technologies, LLC
Cypress Bay Subdivision/ Marina Bay Village Shopping Center
D. E. Harvey Builders
DB Consulting Group
Dean & Draper Insurance Agency, LP
Devereux Texas Treatment Network

Di Amici Upscale Events
Dickinson Independent School District
Digitex Corporation
DRDA, PLLC
Eagle Applied Sciences
Economic Alliance
Houston Port Region
EduSafe Systems, Inc.
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University ERC, Inc.
Express Employment Professionals
The Eye Clinic of Texas
Falcon Group
Fast Signs - Clear Lake
Friendswood Chamber of Commerce
Friendswood Independent School District
Frost Bank
Galveston County
Galveston County Economic Alliance
Galveston Daily News
Galveston Economic Development Partnership
GB Tech, Inc.
GeoControl Systems, Inc.
Gilbane Building Company
Global ICS
Greater Houston Convention & Visitors Bureau
Greater Houston Partnership
Greer, Herz & Adams, LLP
Gregg & Gregg, P.C.
Griffin Communications Group
Griffin Partners, Inc.
GSL Welcome Group, LLC
Guardian Anesthesia Services, PLLC
Guidry News Service
Gulf Coast Educators
Federal Credit Union
Gulf Coast Limestone, Inc.
Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority
Gulf Coast Yacht Brokers Association
Ham, Langston & Brezina, LLP
Harris County
HDG Mansur Investment Services, Inc.
Highpoint Insurance Group, LLC
Hilton Houston NASA Clear Lake
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Honeywell
Houston Area Safety Council
Houston Association of Realtors
The Houston Chronicle / Hearst Media Services
Houston Methodist San Jacinto Hospital
*Houston Pediatric Specialty Group
*HPP Corp.
Icon Bank of Texas, N. A.
Innovative Alternatives, Inc.
Interactive Medical Connections, Inc.
Intergulf Corporation
ITT Technical Institute
J Holt Properties, LLC
J&P Technologies
J. A. Billipp Company
Jacob White Construction Co.
Jacobs
Jamail and Smith Construction
Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)
JES Tech
John Manlove Marketing & Communications
Joiner Partnership, Inc.
JSC Federal Credit Union
Kaneka North America, LLC
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King Chapman & Broussard, Inc.
Kuraray America, Inc.
La Porte Independent School District
Lakewood Yacht Club
The Law Office of Phil Griffis
LCS Constructors, Inc.
League City Chamber of Commerce & Business Association
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Lockheed Martin
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Logical Innovations, Inc.
ManTech International Corporation
MaximGroup
MD Anderson Regional Care in the Bay Area
Meador Staffing Services, Inc.
MEI Technologies, Inc.
Melange Catering and Fine Cuisine
Memorial Hermann Southeast Hospital
Merrill Lynch
Mills Shirley L.L.P.
Minuteman Press - Bay Area
Mobile Studio Technologies, LLC
Moody Gardens Hotel, Spa and Convention Center
Moody National Bank
MRI Technologies
My FlooringAMERICA
NASA Johnson Space Center
National Space Biomedical Research Institute
New Dimensions Home Healthcare Plus
Norman Frede Chevrolet
Oceanering Space Systems, Inc.
One Stop Tents & Events
Orbital Sciences Corporation
PAE
Paragon Space Development Corporation
*Parfinco TX, LLC
The Pasadena Citizen
Pasadena Independent School District
Patriot Bank
Paul Engineering Inc.
Payne’s Plants
Pearland Economic Development Corp.
Perry’s Restaurant Group
Phillips & Company
PinnacleAIS
*Pinnacle Alliance Fund, Inc.
PM Realty Group
Port of Houston Authority
PrimeLending—A PlainsCapital Company
Quanah Technical Services
*Randall-Porterfield Architects, INC.
Raytheon Technical Services Company
Regions Bank
Residence Inn by Marriott
The Rothe Companies: Houston Operations
Sage Commercial Group, LLC
SAIC
SAMSON USA Group of Companies
San Jacinto College District
*Seacoast Commerce Bank
Sierra Nevada Corporation
South Shore Harbour Resort & Conference Center
Southwest Airlines Company
Southwest Airport Services
Space Center Houston
Space Center Land Development
Space City Films, Inc.
SSCI Environmental & Consulting Services
Star Toyota-Scion
Staybridge Suites Houston - Clear Lake
Stinger Ghaffarian Technologies
Studley, Inc.
Summit Management Group
Teledyne Brown Engineering
Terracon Consultants, Inc.
Texas A&M University at Galveston
*Texas Capital Bank
Texas Chiropractic College
Texas Citizens Bank
tommy’s Restaurant Oyster Bar
Transwestern
Trustmark National Bank, Texas
Twenty Twenty Properties, Inc.
TXU Energy
U.S. Development Group
UHCL Center-Economic Development & Research
United Airlines
United Equities, Inc.
United Space Alliance
Universities Space Research Association-USRA
University of Houston
University of Houston - Clear Lake
UTC Aerospace Systems
UTMB Health
Vesco Business Products
Voyager at Space Center
Warwick Construction, Inc.
Waste Connections of Texas, LLC
Water & Power Technologies
Wells Fargo Bank
West Oak Development, Ltd.
Whitley Penn
Whitney Bank
Wile Interests
Wendell Wilson & Dr. Pat Potter Wilson
Wings Over Houston Air Show
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COMMITTEES: 2014 MEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

AEROSPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE — Chair, Bob Mitchell, president, Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership:
The AAC’s mission is to promote continuing support and commitment to the space programs and space operations functions being implemented by NASA Johnson Space Center. The AAC recommends and implements initiatives to support the interests of NASA JSC and the local aerospace community.

CITIZENS FOR SPACE EXPLORATION / TEXAS — Chair, Larry Strader, director, Commercialization & Outreach, Jacobs: The mission of CSE is to promote awareness and advocate support for NASA and America’s Space Exploration Program.

INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ADVISORY COMMITTEE — Chair, Dr. William J. Merrell, George P. Mitchell chair, Marine Sciences, Texas A&M University at Galveston: The mission of IMAC is to support, advise, and advocate on matters relating to the region’s maritime industry, ports, and supporting intermodal transportation infrastructure and to review and make recommendations on strategic and policy level decisions to improve the overall operating environment.

EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE — Chair, Harv Hartman, managing partner, Summit Management Group: The EWDC’s mission is to enhance Bay Area Houston’s overall economic development and quality of life by collaborating to create a world-class community offering the best in education and training; advocating for education; sharing best-practices; assisting member organizations to achieve their respective goals; and establishing innovative and effective partnerships.

POLITICAL PROTOCOL COMMITTEE — Chair, Marcy Fryday, marketing director, Lakewood Yacht Club: The PPC’s mission is to provide a forum for discussion, communication and outreach on issues affecting businesses in Bay Area Houston to elected officials, candidates and other key individuals.

SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE — Chair, Mark Conrad, owner, Express Employment Professionals: The purpose of the SBC is to help the organization’s small businesses grow by creating an environment for opportunity and advancement.

ELLINGTON FIELD TASK FORCE — Chair, John Martinec, president, AeroSys LLC: The EFTF focuses on retention and expansion of the joint reserve base military presence at Ellington Field.

HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE — Chair, Monica Millican, branch manager, PrimeLending: The HCC’s mission is to encourage collaboration between Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership’s “health care provider” members to improve the health status of our community and to demonstrate the community and economic benefits and quality of the health care industry in our region, with a specific objective of maximizing availability of our local health care services, as possible, through partnering, and community awareness.

SPACE CENTER VOLUNTEERS — Chair, Joyce Abbey, Employee Communications & External Relations director, SAIC: SCV consists of contract and civil space industry employees working together in the community to improve life on Earth.

TEAM NASA — Chair, Joyce Abbey, Employee Communications & External Relations director, SAIC: As a team comprised of NASA, contractor and community representatives, Team NASA builds a seamless partnership with JSC to enhance employee, contractor and community activities.

ANNUAL QUASAR AWARD BANQUET COMMITTEE — Chair, Marc Havican, president, Space City Films Inc.: The committee plans and prepares for the Annual Quasar Award Banquet held in January. Attended by approximately 650 prominent business leaders and elected officials at the local, state and national levels, this elaborate banquet is a highlight of the year.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE — Chair, Pat Patton, owner, Born Wild — Innovative Promotions: Engages business leaders in the communications, marketing, journalism, public relations, graphic design and advertising industries to collaborate on public relations projects and events.
Shown clockwise from top left: Dan Seal, executive director, Special Initiatives; Barbara Cutsinger, marketing manager, Real Estate; Bob Mitchell, president; Harriet Lukee, director, Membership; David Braun, marketing manager, Aerospace; C.A. Shields, marketing manager, Specialty Chemical; Ryan Page, associate project engineer, Space Alliance Technology Outreach Program (SATOP); Kathryn Cooper, manager, Communications; Elaine Cantu, receptionist/administrative assistant; Vicki Salinas, office assistant; Rob Banfield, NASA executive on loan; Jane Gayle, Accounting; Kim Morris, director, Bay Area Houston Advanced Technology Consortium (BayTech); Bob Payne, director of Contracts, program manager, SATOP.